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REMARKS

Claims 9-12, 18 and 19 have been held to be allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants have added new claim 32 which combines the subject matter of independent claim 4 and allowable dependent claim 9. Support may be found in applicants' paragraph 48. Dependent claims were amended to conform with the language and numbering of the new independent claim. Since the dependent claims 2-3, 7, 8, and 10 now depend from an allowable independent claim (claim 32), applicants also request that these claims be held allowed.

Similarly, applicants have added independent claim 33 which combines the subject matter of independent claim 4 and allowable dependent claim 11. Support may be found in applicants' paragraph 48. Dependent claims were amended to conform with the language and numbering of the new independent claim. Since the dependent claims 12 and 40-41 now depend from an allowable independent claim (claim 33), applicants also request that these claims be held allowed.

Applicants have added independent claim 34 which combines the subject matter of independent claim 13 and allowable dependent claim 18. Support may be found in applicants' paragraph 47. Dependent claims were amended to conform with the language and numbering of the new independent claim. Since the dependent claims 14 -17 and 19 now depend from an allowable independent claim (claim 34), applicants also request that these claims be held allowed.

Applicants have also added independent claim 35 which combines the subject matter of independent claim 25 and claim 9. Although claim 9 was not dependent from claim 25, applicant's paragraph 48 provides support for the additional step of further

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fractionating previously separated fractions into subfractions which are then analyzed.

Similarly, applicants have also added independent claim 36 which combines the subject matter of independent claim 25 and claim 11. Although claim 11 was not dependent from claim 25, applicant's paragraph 47 provides support for the additional step of further fractionating previously separated fractions into subfractions which are then analyzed.

Dependent claims have been amended or added to conform with the language and numbering of new claims 35 and 36.

Claims 20-24 have been held allowed.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now believed to be in a condition for an allowance of all remaining claims and such action is respectfully requested.

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